

# Ithacans Will Play Griffith's Outfit---Davis Cup Tennis Matches Attract All

## CORNELL ACCEPTS NATIONALS' DATE

Will Play Here April 6, and Manager Griffith Seeks Two Contests With Joe Kelley's Toronto Team—Johnny Beall Mentioned.

**By "SENATOR."**  
The first thing that Clark Griffith did when he resumed his work at baseball headquarters today was to open negotiations for the completion of the list of preliminary dates.  
In answer to his offer of April 6, Cornell University accepted that date. Griffith then wired Joe Kelley, offering him two of the remaining dates for Toronto, and it is believed that the International Leaguers will accept for at least one game on their return from the southern training camp.  
**Recommend Beall.**  
Johnny Beall, well known some seasons ago on the amateur baseball fields of Washington, is the latest to be recommended to Clark Griffith as a capable candidate for one of the outfield places with the Nationals.  
Beall is a big, rangy, fast fellow, whose principal asset is his batting eye. While he has played in several cities since his advent into the professional ranks, he has been steadily on the upward trend, and during the season just closed, stood among the first twelve hitters in the Western League, hitting .330 for the campaign.  
He has twice been purchased by major league clubs. Two years ago the Chicago Americans bought him and carried him to Los Angeles, where he was planted to await further development. It was thought he would be held by the White Sox, but in some manner Boston got him, and it is understood, he is to be sent back to the Western League once more.  
**White a Booster.**  
One of Beall's strongest boosters is "Doc" White.  
"We saw enough of Beall on our training trip to convince me that he has the makings of a good man, and I think any club in the majors could well afford to buy him. I don't know how Griffith will be fixed for outfielders, but

## Will Represent America



WILLIAM A. LARNED.

## DWIGHT DAVIS CUP ATTRACTS WORLD

Not only the eyes of the entire tennis world, but the attention of all those interested in athletics, will be turned to the other side of the hemisphere this week, when the famous Dwight Davis Cup is once more up for competition. Ranking in international importance with the "America Cup" in yachting, and the International Cup in polo, the Davis Cup is as enviable a possession as any nation strives for. It is unique in many respects. No trophy has been fought for more valiantly, has had more countries concerned, or has occasioned more rivalry and less unpleasantness than this bowl.  
Starting next Saturday, the first of three days' play at Christchurch, New Zealand, the America will tackle the holders of the cup for what looks like the best chance in years to bring back to its native heath the coveted silver. It is also the resumption of play for the cup since 1908, for last year this country, after winning the preliminary series, declined to send the second-rate players that outnumbered to make the long trip to the Antipodes.  
**Look Very Formidable.**  
Headed by the inimitable William A. Larned, the team looks a winner, barring unforeseen loss of form, with Maurice E. McLoughlin and Beals C. Wright to back up our champion. It is a formidable array the Australians are facing, and advice from that country show that fear is already manifest in the outcome. Christchurch is not a large town, but it is ideally situated, and the populace is mad with excitement over the tourney. Cable tell of the enormous crowds that are flocking to the little place, and causing overcrowding in the hotels and boarding houses.  
The close observer of tennis, more than the casual fan, will realize that the cup is without a doubt the ambition of both of these men. Should they, with the help of McLoughlin, the little demon from the West, win the cup, it is not at all improbable that they would announce the close of their tennis careers and put up to the rising generation the task of holding the trophy against all challengers.  
Advice from Australia intimates that Wright and Larned will probably assume the burden of playing the singles matches against Brookings and Heath, the two leading exponents in Australia today. The doubles will probably find Wright and McLoughlin facing Brookings and Dunlop. Hardly a true American under these conditions, but the home talent pin its faith absolutely on Brookings and Dunlop, and in that portion of the Wright and Larned have previously beaten the champion. The games to be played between Brookings and Heath, and the popular, on paper, at least, promise greater tennis than has been seen since the famous Doherty's were in the prime.  
**Question As to Signals.**  
Americans may be somewhat surprised that Wright will figure in the singles instead of McLoughlin. There will be those who will not reconcile themselves to such a decision. Larned, however, has not definitely determined upon his choice, and the young Westerner may still be chosen. Wright is the more experienced of the two and is particularly well versed in international tennis, but he is not so speedy as McLoughlin. If the latter forgets that he is playing for world's championship, whichever player, there is sure to be a fight, and local admirers of the two men will not be surprised if America wins every one of the singles, for Heath is not feared at all, and everything will depend upon what Brookings shows. Australia is unfortunate in not having A. F. Wilding as a standby once more, but the latter un-

## JOHNSON GRINS AS HE HEARS LANGFORD LOSES TO SAM McVEY

Says Defeat Demolishes Claims of "Little Tar Baby."

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—When informed that Sam McVey had received a decision over Sam Langford in twenty rounds at Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, Jack Johnson, world's heavyweight champion, shook with laughter.  
"And then that Langford person wants a match with me," he laughed.  
"Why, Sam McVey isn't anywhere near my class and yet he can outpoint the Boston man. I'm willing to talk business with any boxer in the world, but this Langford person and his manager have chased me everywhere, talking foolishly about how Langford could defeat me in a finish fight. It would be a finish fight, all right. Langford's finish fight."  
"I see they are going to meet again," continued Johnson. "Well, I'd like to see Langford win the next time, so as to make a bit even—well, I like Langford better than I do McVey, anyway."

## Langford Outpointed By Giant Sam McVey

SYDNEY, New South Wales, Dec. 26.—In the twenty-round fight here between Sam McVey and Sam Langford, both Americans pugilists, McVey won on points.  
The California negro had the advantage of height, reach, and weight, all of which he used in a strategic manner. Profiting by his twenty-round draw at the Cirque de Paris last April, McVey kept steadily clinched with his left hand, and the New England negro seemed unable to stop or parry the blow.  
Langford kept boring in, playing for the body, to get inside of McVey's great reach. When he became dangerous McVey coolly clinched, tied Langford up and held on until commanded to break by the referee.

## Curley Denies Flynn Challenged Johnson

SALT LAKE, Utah, Dec. 26.—Jack Curley, manager of Jim Flynn, who is here with Flynn, denies that he has challenged Jack Johnson, world's champion, on behalf of Flynn. Discussing the club's inability to obtain a license for Johnson's end of the purse is too large. He believes no promoter will be found who will take the match under the conditions.

## Gotch to Meet Munro On Mat Tomorrow Night

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26.—Frank Gotch, the world's wrestling champion, and Alec Munro, holder of the British championship, will battle for the international title tomorrow night under the auspices of the Missouri Athletic Club, of this city.  
Some of the critics predict that the American will have a hard fight to pin the giant Briton's shoulders to the mat twice, though few concede Munro a chance of wrestling from Gotch the honors he won in defeating George Hackenschmidt in 1908 and which he has successfully defended since then. The match between Gotch and Munro will be at catch-as-catch-can style and the winner will receive \$10,000, of which 75 per cent is to go to the winner.

## Big Wrestling Bout Proves to Be Fiasco

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Wrestling fans had a bad taste in their mouths today as a result of last night's fiasco between Zbyzsko and Rakevich, at Madison Square Garden. Zbyzsko contracted to throw the Italian three times in ninety minutes, the bout to go to the Italian if he gained one fall. Rakevich did get a fall—the first—but the men were off the mat at the time and Referee Tom Jenkins refused to allow it. Rakevich's inability to understand English led him to think he had won and he left the ring.

## Young Will Go From Prize Ring to Pulpit

LA PORTE, Ind., Dec. 26.—From prize ring to pulpit will be the unusual career of Eddie Young, former lightweight champion of the Pacific coast, who returned to his home at Columbus, Ind., after an absence of almost a decade. Young is a protégé of Evangelist Billy Sunday.

## May Join Benedicts.

It is reported that Alex McCarthy, the Pirates' outfielder, will soon join the Benedicts. He lives at Bradley, Ill.

## Grand Injunction Against Pres. Despain

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 26.—A temporary injunction was been granted by the district court restraining President Donald C. Despain, of the Lincoln baseball club, from interfering in any way with its management and from dealing in players pending a meeting for the appointment of a receiver. The meeting will be held with D. E. Truman, who holds mortgages amounting to \$7,000.

## Buddy Ryan Will Play Left Field for Naps

Buddy Ryan will play the outfield in place of Jack Graney for the Naps next year. This arrangement, says Manager Davis, has been definitely settled.

## Three Pirate Players May Play Baseball

Leitch, Campbell, and Byrne, of the Pirates, have been given permission by Dr. Foss to play Indian ball with the Kometchys' team in St. Louis.

## NAPLANDERS SEEM TO HAVE CHANCE

Manager Davis Has Splendid Material for Long Baseball Race of 1912—"Dope" Gives Lajoie Credit for Discovering Fount of Youth.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—When Harry Davis, captain of the world's champion Athletics, considered one of the wisest men of baseball, assumes the reins as manager of the Cleveland Naps in 1912 he will pilot a club of championship size, think many critics of the national pastime.  
Young managers venturing out on the stormy waves as pilots of big league clubs seldom have been so well supplied with baseball stars with which to build an assemblage of talent composing the Cleveland club.  
Davis, right off the reel, has two of the greatest stars in baseball in Lajoie and Jackson. If Lajoie, who seems to be gifted with the elixir of perpetual youth, plays at his usual stride next season, Davis need not fear about the future. Lajoie remains one of the game's greatest batters after a decade and more of strenuous play. The "grand old man" of baseball, as some have termed him, finished the season of 1911 in good condition, although he was out of the fray a part of the time early in the baseball year with a wrenched side.  
**Davis Always Ready.**  
Should "Larry" be crippled or ill, Davis is prepared to jump into the breach and perform the role of substitute.  
Then there is Joe Jackson, the right fielder of the Naps, to conjure with in reckoning Davis' assets for next season. With all due respect to the wonderful playing of Ty Cobb, it must be admitted that Jackson, the illustrious Nap outfielder, is not far behind the Georgia wonder, all departments of baseball considered.  
Jackson is a wonderful fielder, a good base-runner, a powerful hitter, and a natural baseball player. Being a natural baseball player means that he possesses the intuition to do the proper thing at the right time, and to do it instinctively.  
Jackson is not an educated man. It is a well-known fact that he can neither read nor write. He deserves all the more credit for showing the great playability that has made him the dread of pitchers and batters of seven American League clubs.  
Then Davis will have the service of Vean Gregg, the Portland southpaw, beyond doubt one of the greatest pitchers that ever broke into the big show. Gregg was more than a surprise—he was a sensation.  
The recruit pitching wonder was about the only hurler in the American League who had the "kick" of the champion. Although in one season every game pitched against the Naps, a remarkable record, considering the high class of the world's champions as swimmers.  
**Lots of Material.**  
Besides a well-balanced and harmonious team, including Lajoie, Jackson, and Gregg, Davis will have what may term the most sensational all-around player turned out by the Pacific Coast League in its history—Buddy Ryan, of the Portland team—who will supplant Graney in left field for the Naps in 1912. There is only one weak spot in the Naps for 1912, and that is the catching staff. With Olson at short and Lajoie ready to play any post on the diamond, the club has a strong infield. What better outfield could a manager wish than Jackson, Birmingham, and Ryan? The pitching staff, with Gregg as the glittering star, is formidable, but the catching staff—well, there is even hope there, and he is optimistic in one name—O'Neill. If this catcher plugs up the weak spot on the Naps, then the Athletics and the Boston Tigers had better look to their laurels.

## 'BABE' ANSON SAVES TWO LADS' LIVES IN WATERS OF LAGOON

Veteran Breaks Through Ice to Reach Drowning Boys.

## PLAY BASEBALL ON CHRISTMAS INSTEAD OF HOCKEY ON ICE

Mild Weather Prevented Teams From Pursuing Schedule.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Adrian C. Anson, for years known everywhere as "Babe" Anson, the former manager of the Chicago White Sox, is a hero today, having plunged into an icy lagoon here yesterday and saved the lives of two boys. Anson's marvelous physical condition was shown to good advantage and he is none the worse today for his experience.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 26.—A baseball game was played outdoors today at Dorchester. Members of the Dorchester A. C. have been looking forward all fall to the annual ice hockey game with the Milton A. C. on the Franklin Field rink, but this year, on account of the mild weather conditions, they saw their hopes of a contest on ice dashed.

While playing a game of golf with Dr. E. C. Caldwell, Anson heard shrill screams coming from the lagoon near by. He ran to the edge of the little pond and saw one boy floundering about in the water and his companion trying his best to aid him.  
Anson immediately rushed upon the thin ice, which gave away beneath his great weight, and waded out about fifty feet until he got to the boys. They had become exhausted and had disappeared, but Anson dived into the cold water, found them and came wading back to shore, clasping a boy in each hand and holding their heads above the water. All three were rushed to the Hyde Park police station and given dry clothes.  
"Oh, it didn't amount to much," said Anson today. "The water was only five feet deep and I stand six feet two inches in my stockings. But, say, come to think of it, that water was some cold."

It was officially decided to postpone the contest on ice until some time in the future, when conditions would be more favorable.  
There was an atmosphere of gloom in the clubhouse today until some quick-witted member suggested that under the circumstances a baseball game could be played, and his idea at once found favorable consideration with his fellow members of the club, and was taken up. A scramble for suits followed, and at 11 o'clock a team composed of the regulars and a bunch of up-and-coming youngsters, the regulars won, 10 to 1.

## Bill Phillips Ill.

Bill Phillips, the old Cincinnati pitcher, is seriously ill with typhoid fever at his home in Charleroi, Ohio.

## South Bend Team Signs Cuban Players

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 26.—Two Cuban ball players have been taken up by Manager Harry Arndt, of the South Bend Central League club, and they will report to him for spring practice on April 1. The Cubans are Thomas Roman, aged twenty-one, and Ramon Segle, aged nineteen. The former will play second and the latter will go to third base. The two are said to be among the best known players in Cuba.

## FRED CLARK WILL DIRECT WORK FROM BENCH IN FUTURE

Some Youngster Will Be Given Chance in Left Field.

Fred Clarke has flashed the announcement that as a ballplayer he has peeled off his last base hit. Hereafter the Pirate leader will direct his people from the bench. He has some younger athletes to look after left field and assist H. Wagner in driving in Pittsburgh runs.  
Cobb may be a greater ballplayer—Mack or McGraw as able in the managerial field—but as an all-around performer the Pirate stands out as the greatest in the long run of the game. Clarke tops ballplayers list with no one else close behind. As a leader he carries the highest percentage for his people in either league through ten years' service. He has averaged around .300 for his career, a better mark than either Mack or McGraw can show.  
And this is only a portion of his bid for greatness. In eighteen years of big league service he has hit .336, and has always ranked as one of the star outfielders of the annual drive.

## JIMMY BLOCK HAS SIGNED WITH SOX FOR NEXT SEASON

Consulted Comiskey After Receiving Newspaper Scare.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Jimmy Block, the second string backstop of the White Sox, has signed a contract for next season, after worrying himself half sick for a couple of weeks.  
Block read somewhere that he was to be sent back to the minors and, after thinking it all over until he began to be sick, he came to town, had a talk with Charlie Comiskey and signed the papers for another season with the White Sox. Block will not be sent to the minors, but will be found on the job here again in 1912.

## Lake Erie Fans For Ice Baseball League

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—An ice baseball league will be organized by Lake Erie fans, if Lake Erie freezes over to such an extent that there is the least possibility of carrying out a schedule that has practically been arranged. Teams representing Kelley's, North Base, Middle Base, and Put-in-Bay Islands will be included. Norman Elfers, of Kelley's Island, will be president.  
Baseball on the ice was successfully introduced at Kelley's Island last winter, when a diamond and outfield were staked off on the frozen surface of the lake, and several interesting games played thereon.

## Daily Has Played in All Games Since Entering

Eddie Daly, Dartmouth's 1911 football captain and baseball captain for next year, has a college athletic career that is hard to beat. He has played in every football and baseball game since he entered the college.

## 1911 Baseball Leaders

National League.				American League.			
New York, 1904.....	Champion.	Philadelphia	1904.....				
Marquard, 774.....	Pitcher.	Bender, 773	1905.....				
Meyers-Bergen, 979.....	Catcher (f).	Sullivan-Blair, 938	1906.....				
Meyers, 332.....	Catcher (b).	Lapp, 353	1907.....				
Pfeffer-McIntire, 1,000.....	Pitcher (f).	Bender-Covington, 1,000	1908.....				
Ferry, 310.....	Pitcher (b).	Coombs, 319	1909.....				
Konetchy, 991.....	First Baseman (f).	Stovall, 986	1910.....				
Daubert, 307.....	First Baseman (b).	Lajole, 365	1911.....				
Hummel, 972.....	Second Baseman (f).	McConnell, 973	1912.....				
Sweeney, 314.....	Second Baseman (b).	Collins, 365	1913.....				
Tinker, 977.....	Shortstop (f).	Tannehill, 951	1914.....				
Wagner, 334.....	Shortstop (b).	Yerkes, 279	1915.....				
E. Zimmerman, 961.....	Third Baseman (f).	Turner, 970	1916.....				
Herzog, 290.....	Third Baseman (b).	Baker, 334	1917.....				
Magee, 981.....	Left Fielder (f).	Cree, 964	1918.....				
Clarke, 324.....	Left Fielder (b).	Cree, 348	1919.....				
Paskert, 979.....	Center Fielder (f).	Oldring, 979	1920.....				
Donlin, 316.....	Center Fielder (b).	Cobb, 429	1921.....				
Wilson, 977.....	Right Fielder (f).	Crawford, 975	1922.....				
R. Miller, 333.....	Right Fielder (b).	Jackson, 408	1923.....				
New York, 279.....	Club Batting.	Philadelphia, 297	1924.....				
Pitte-Phila., 963.....	Club Fielding.	Philadelphia, 964	1925.....				
Schulte, 21.....	Home Run Hitter.	Baker, 9	1926.....				
L. Doyle, 25.....	Three-Base Hitter.	Cobb, 24	1927.....				
Konetchy, 38.....	Two-Base Hitter.	Cobb, 47	1928.....				
Bescher, 80.....	Base Stealer.	Cobb, 83	1929.....				
Marquard, 237.....	Strike-Out Twirler.	Walsh, 255	1930.....				